

To  
Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D. LL.D.  
United States General Agent of  
Education in Alaska  
Washington D.C.

The Officers and Directors  
of the  
Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition  
request the honor of your presence  
Saturday June the first

one thousand nine hundred and seven

at two o'clock

in  
Seattle, Washington

to participate in the ceremony of breaking ground  
for their Exposition

to be held June first to October fifteenth  
one thousand nine hundred and nine



Sardis British Columbia

Sardis June 8<sup>th</sup> /907

Rev S. Jackson D.D.

My dear S. Jackson

For some time I have tried to find your address as I wished to hear how the Mission work is doing in Alaska. It is so long since I have heard, that no doubt - many of the workers may have moved. I wrote to a brother <sup>Clark</sup> at Wrangell and he gave me your address, and a little Church news, which I was pleased to receive. I am sending you a copy of my Book "Among the <sup>ANKO</sup> <sup>MENANS</sup> <sup>to the</sup> <sup>men's</sup> just out - It gives my first 12 years in Mission work in B.C. It is taking well among the young people and I trust - may do some good. I had almost a horse stolen this last winter, I had a hard summer last, and then in Nov. to April to lecture, then I met your first St. Greenfeld of the Labrador Mission, and then I took inflammation of the Measles which took me down so I have not been able to work for the last 3 months, but think but I am picking up again, and I take a rest this year hoping to be myself again this the first rest in 45 years. And by the way my friends are saying that I will write another Book which would take in our work by the North Coast - Alaska Fort Simpson &c. And I wish to ask a favor if I may make quotations from your Book on Alaska be good enough to let me have from you give all the news you can. As ever yours in the Work.

J. Crosby Thomas Crosby



Ans - July 6, 07

N. HARTZ  
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Denmark  
Copenhagen, June 16th 1907.

To the honourable Mr. Jackson  
Commissioner of Education

Dear Sir!

As a man of science I have travelled much in Greenland and in this way got very interested in the development of this danish colony and its population. I should therefore be very thankful to you if you would favor me with your reports over the great culture- and development-work you have undertaken and still carry on with the esquimaux in Alaska.

The results you, reverend Sir, obtain in Alaska ought to be used by us Danes in Greenland of course - a short personal report from you about your impressions of the possibility of development of the esquimaux should certainly be of great importance for the culture-work in Greenland, which just at present is the order of the day here in Denmark.

Should the esquimaux in Greenland who, as you know, are strongly mixed with european blood, be of interest to you I shall be glad to furnish you with literature and personal informations about them.

Please receive in advance my complaisant thank for your informations and always ready for return of service believe me

yours most respectfully

N. Hartz  
N. Hartz



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Dictated.

New York, June 13, 1907.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,

The Concord, Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

We greatly appreciated the fact of your writing us from your sick room, and on behalf of the Woman's Board let me assure you of our deep sympathy with you in this long illness, and of our earnest prayer that you may soon be entirely recovered.

When I told the ladies on Tuesday that we had had a letter from you, written in your own hand, they were greatly interested, and desired me to express to you what was in their hearts. May God spare you for long service in His work!

I note what you have to say in regard to Mrs. Pusey, and while I ought to know whether her husband is living or not, I confess I do not, though I have a faint suspicion that I have seen an account of his death in The Christian Advocate. If she desire to enter our work, without much doubt we can find a place for her in Cuba or Porto Rico, as it is very difficult for us to secure teachers, especially those who know the Spanish. Let her make formal application to Mr. Craig, and an application blank will be sent her. When this is filled out, and we know what she is fitted for, we can tell whether there is a vacancy. We can also use Spanish speaking teachers



in New Mexico, but they are absolutely essential for Cuba and Porto Rico.

We greatly enjoyed Dr. and Mrs. Campbell, and feel that their coming to us has been a benediction, and we feel so much nearer that work than we have ever before.

With kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and your daughter, and again expressing our appreciation of all your work for the cause in which we are laboring, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Ellen A. Poole.

June 15, 1907  
Mrs Ida Pease  
Leesbrook



(COPY)

31 Lenox Avenue,  
East Orange, N. J.

June 17, 1907.

To Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

My Dear Bro:

At the last meeting of the Board of Home Missions a resolution was adopted to discontinue the little appropriation of \$500 which the Board has for a number of years has been annually making for you in recognition of the service which you have incidentally rendered to the Board in connexion with your yearly visits to Alaska. In connection with the fact that you are no longer able to make those visits and render this service, and in view of the apparent inappropriateness of the action of the Board in supplementing the salary of one who is in the employ of the government---and I may also add in view of this additional fact, that our action in this matter has called forth enquiries, not to say criticism in some quarters--the Board has deemed it advisable to take the above named action, and Rev. Dr. Dodge our President, Dr. Thompson and myself were appointed a committee to apprise you of its resolution. At the same time my dear Brother, I have been authorized on behalf of both the committee and the Board to assure you of our very high esteem and best wishes and also to express to you our grateful appreciation of the efficient services you have in the years past rendered to the cause of Home Missions in our land. These services can never be forgotten by the church which you have represented and served so faithfully---or by the nation which has been blessed by your labors. With sincere sympathy

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and all best wishes, I subscribe myself,

Most affectionately yours,

(signed) Wilson Phraner.

In connection with the resolution withdrawing further compensation to Rev. Sheldon Jackson, DD., for the services incidentally rendered during his annual visits to Alaska, the Board of Home Missions desires to put upon record its very high appreciation of the value of the service which Dr. Jackson has rendered to the cause of home missions in our land. For many years Dr. Jackson has been recognized and acknowledged to be one of our foremost and most efficient laborers in the work of home missions, enduring hardness for the Master's sake, and for many years consecrating his life and devoting his energies to the promotion of the interests of this great and good cause.

In this connection the Board desires not only to express to Dr. Jackson its high appreciation of the services of the past, but also to assure him of its sincere regard and cordial sympathy and best wishes for his welfare and happiness during the years which are yet before him.

Received by Mail from Dr. Phraner Sept. 9 1907  
Action of Bd. of Home Missions Res. Ch.



June 25, 1907

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JAY LEE TURNER, Treas.

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TOPEKA, KANSAS, June 20, 1907.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

Washington, D. C.,

Dear Doctor:-

Topeka Kansas  
June 20, 1907

What conditions would you impose if I should ask you to send me back to Park next fall? If not too hard and you think that you would care to send me to Park then, I want to beg you pardon for the way in which I have treated you and say that I have found that I made a big mistake in what I did.

I have been working for these people since the first of April and may continue to work for them this summer although I may strike for the harvest field in the next week or two. If you care to consider sending me back to Park at all please write within that time as I may leave here on very short notice.

I may go on to the coast to San Francisco and stop at the Chronicle Office and see what they know of my father. What do you know of him? Can you tell me what he meant by the phrase in the agreement drawn up between you and he where he says "these presents"? Wish you would tell me all you know of him. You always seemed as though that was something you did not care to talk to me about and now if you do not care to send me back to Park let me know what you do of my father.

Very truly yours,

M. Healy Wolfe  
M. Healy Wolfe



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June 18, 1907.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,  
Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Education, Washington.

My dear Dr. Jackson:-

I was glad to get a letter in your own handwriting. I am glad you are improving but sorry you are not yet well. You are on the right road, however, and I hope soon you will be restored to your usual strength.

And now a word about a teacher for Wrangell, Alaska. Has an appointment been made for that school? We have a letter from Mr. Clark, our missionary there, saying that they need some one in that school who is a Presbyterian and who will help with the native children. Our Mr. McAfee has a girl in mind at Park College. Her name is Miss Dill. Would it be possible for you to investigate her and, if the right person, appoint her for that field? I know it is in the line of what you like to do.

We had Dr. and Mrs. Campbell, of St. Lawrence Island, at the General Assembly and have also had them here. They are delightful people. What a grand, heroic work they are doing! When we suggested to them to leave the government work and come to one of our mission stations in Alaska, they said no, their natives had tears in their eyes when they left them and they wanted to get back to them. He is a missionary in very truth.

We have also had Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner from Klawock, and have gotten a good deal of information regarding Alaska that is of prime interest.

We are also arranging for two summer conferences the latter part of July,- one at Juneau and one at Sitka, to be conducted by Dr. Howard Agnew Johnston, and Dr. Ghormley of Washington, and to which we are trying to get all our missionaries, native helpers and teachers. I wish the government



Dr. Sheldon Jackson -2-

teachers in that region, as far as possible, might be able to avail themselves of this opportunity.

Cordially yours,

*C. L. Thompson*  
Secretary.  
*C. L. Thompson*

P.S. By the way, have you appointed Miss Mary Kadashon, teacher at Hoonah? That, in our judgment, would be an excellent thing if you could do it. I take it for granted that you know her. She is a fine woman, of Northfield training, and would just fill the bill for the teacher at Hoonah.

*C. L.*



ANNUAL REPORT.

Deering , Alaska.

June 24, 1907.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

It is now a month since we had our last mail. <sup>13</sup>being very busy at that time I did not write you about the school as I expected to do so. I think Mrs Gooden wrote you about it, and she thought it would be nice for both of us write to you about the school. The children did well this year although I do not exactly know how they were last winter. They are bright, quick to learn and are obedient -- being this my first experience in teaching I think it is a nice thing to be a teacher. The children are very fond of drawing different pictures and they are curious to know things that they never saw. Of course as the school is young yet there are some weak points such as the habit of sleeping late in the morning and stay up late in the evenings. I think these things go according to what kind of teachers the children had here for I am saying this because the children are quite obedient in other things. I am sure they will break this off if they are enforced more firmly. I do not mean mean and rough firmness, I mean gentle kind firmness as the natives are very knowing differences between kindness and unkindness. I am told that Miss Cox was a most excellent teacher here last year. The main thought for educating the children is to give them a better, happier living not a good living while in school with their children and then when leave the school to practice old time things. I think all the Eskimos are trying to have better, happier living. When the school



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closed I went to the Reindeer Herd and I had such a lovely reindeer ride on the way. It is wonderful how the native herders are improving since I last saw them. It is wonderful how this work has been carried. The Eskimos are so friendly and loving often. I go round<sup>d</sup> their huts and tents; they say "Thank you ~~came~~<sup>o</sup>"~~back~~, and they would tell<sup>e</sup> me "my house is too dirty for you to stay". I never saw such a kind gentle race of people.

As I said before the children are quick to learn; they will learn lots in the future.

<sup>must</sup>  
I ~~cannot~~ close now. Mr. Lopp has wrote me a letter that you had been very sick. I hope you are well now and we, the Alaska natives, are touched by a heart feeling and wish you speedy recovery and best health and happiness.

We will leave every thing to God for he makes no mistakes.

With very sincere wishes for your happiness and health,

Very truly,

(signed) Anna Buck. \*

\* An Eskimo Woman Educated at  
the Carlisle Indian School Carlisle Pa



-Copy-

Department of Justice.

OFFICE OF UNITED STATES ATTORNEY,  
First Division, District of Alaska.

Juneau, Alaska, June 25th, 1907.

The Attorney General,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

S I R :

I have the honor to report in the case of United States vs. Oscar W. Anderson and Alyce E. Anderson, No. 503-A, an action of ejectment for the recovery of the possession of city block No. 32, known as "Government Reservation No. 3," in the Town of Juneau, reserved for educational purposes, upon which a schoolhouse for instruction of the natives is situated, begun November 29, 1905, that after trial had on June 13th and 14th a judgment in favor of the plaintiff was obtained and final judgment was June 26th entered in favor of the plaintiff for the recovery of the premises and \$37.95 costs.

In this case the defendants have erected upon the block a dwelling house at the cost of between six and seven hundred dollars. As the value of these improvements would more than offset the value of the rents and profits, or damages which could have been established a jury trial was waived and the cause was tried by the court, resulting as above stated in a judgment for the possession of the premises and costs. The defendants will now



vacate the land, and the Bureau of Education will secure a well built cottage for such convenient use as may be required.

A certified copy of this judgment roll will be transmitted to the Department as soon as the same can be made up, and as in the Goldstein case (see letter A.G. 293) I desire instructions as to whether a certified copy of this judgment roll should also be transmitted to the Solicitor of the Treasury and to the General Land Office, in which latter Department are the records of the controversy over the Bonanza lode claim, and the steps taken by the Bureau of Education for the reservation of the tract for educational purposes.

I shall report directly in this behalf to Dr. Sheldon Jackson with whom I have had a great deal of correspondence in respect to this case.

Respectfully,

John J. Boyce,

United States Attorney.

Dict. J.J.B.-T.



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Dictated.

June 27, 1907.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.,  
Bureau of Education,  
Department of Interior,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Jackson:-

Your letter received. After further conference we have decided to send Mary Kadashon to Sitka to have charge of the Bible work there under the supervision of Mr. Beattie, and we believe she can also do some missionary work in the town.

We have thought it advisable to have her work in connection with our missionaries so that she might get in touch with them and understand something of our methods of work. Then again she has lost the language in the eleven years that she has been away, and that will give her an opportunity to pick it up again.

If at some future time it seems advisable to send her to Hoonah such an arrangement can be made.

Thank you very much for your kind letter, and the information that you have given in it. I have just handed it to Dr. Thompson to read and he appreciates the facts that you have given us.

I trust that you have been fully restored to health and strength again, and that you may be spared many years for the great work that is before you.

Sincerely yours,

*M. J. Gildersleeve*  
M. A. Gildersleeve



June 20<sup>th</sup> 1907

Dear Annie

Yours of June 20<sup>th</sup> is rec<sup>d</sup>.

~~Let reply permit me to~~  
and I am very glad to hear from  
you again.

In reply to your questions I  
would say that I do not care to  
send you to Park or any other  
College. I have secured for you  
the equivalent of a good High  
School Education, which is  
more than the majority of young  
men receive. If you wish a  
College Education, you must earn  
it for yourself, as so many other  
young men do. And in so doing  
make men of themselves. That  
hard work & self denial necessary  
to secure a College Education is as  
valuable training and has more  
to do with success later in life, than  
all the increase in book learning  
given by a College Course.



You have been aided and  
supported for 16 years by those  
on whom you had no claim  
more than any other law. They  
have unselfishly given you good  
training, and a good education  
and now that you are of age, your  
success or failure depends ~~by~~ upon  
yourself and the blessing of God.

If wherever you go, you at once  
identify yourself with a church,  
continue the habit of private  
prayer <sup>and</sup> faithfully serve whoever  
gives you employment, you  
(daily look to God for direction)  
will have friends, + success +  
a useful life.

Be truthful in all your statements,  
honest in all your dealings.

The words ~~these~~ "by these presents"  
does not mean any compensation  
or payment. It is a legal phrase



describing the agreement,  
I did not ~~offer~~ take or give excise  
on Cent Commissions from your father  
and have never received a letter from  
him inquiring as to your welfare or  
whether you were living or dead.

I have not talked with you about  
him, but for the reason that I know  
had nothing good to say, & did not  
care to distress you. But remember  
what I told you once, the Lord  
will take you up. And with God's



Blessing there is no reason why  
irrespective of your ancestry you  
should not make a man of your  
Self and secure the friendship of  
good men. I hope to hear  
from you from time to time and  
keep acquainted with your pro-  
gress. Our mutual friend

Dr Wm M. Miller ~~dist~~ has  
gone to his heavenly reward.

Very truly yours

Sheldon Jackson



THOS. S. DEDRICK, M. D.  
WASHINGTON, N. J.

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Mrs. Dr. Jackson:

Tues 1.07.

Yes. I shall send \$25 worth supplies.  
Have written Harknessworth.

I may send some to Dr. Campbell.

My wife is much better - but was in low  
spirits from a protracted cold.

If I were at north, ~~and~~ for I shall befriend  
your cause, anyway. But I believe I will get North.

Have been thinking some of getting set lantern  
slide from Mission Board & giving some lectures  
to establish a hospital fund at Barrow.

Thank you for will clause. I will use it.

Sincerely

Thos. S. Dedrick.

July 1 - 1904  
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**HOWARD B. MCAFEE,**  
BUSINESS MANAGER AND TREASURER

CORRESPONDENCE TITLE

**JOHN A. MCAFEE'S SONS**

Parkville, Mo.

July 5 1904

Rev Sheldon Jackson D. D.

Bureau of Education  
Washington D. C.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

I have yours of the 6<sup>th</sup> with its enclosure from Healy Wolfe. I am very glad you declined to assist him. I hope he has really come to his senses. I believe in him to the extent that I would like to give him another chance, if wholly dependent on his own resources. He needs above all else now to learn that he must depend on Healy Wolfe if ever he amounts to much in this world.

Dictated by L. M. McAfee

Very truly

Lowell M. McAfee.



Att Received & Acknowledged Sep-9-07

31 Lenox Avenue,  
East Orange, N. J.

July 6 1907

My dear Dr. Johnson

I have been ab-  
sent for some time for  
some weeks & now  
upon my return  
I find among  
my unanswered  
letters yours of July  
6<sup>th</sup> - as to your re-  
minder that some  
note of appreciation  
of your long & effec-  
tuent service wd.  
have been appropri-  
ate - let me say  
that such note was

made upon the  
Records of the Board,  
& stands there in  
connexion with the  
action taken. I find  
however upon inquiry  
that the minutes  
was not forwarded  
to you. I therefore  
enclose a copy -  
<sup>herewith</sup> taken from the minutes.  
Perhaps this is not  
all that might have  
been said, but it  
expresses high ap-  
preciation of your  
good work & unpar-  
alleled manner of  
most cordially by  
the Board -



In this connexion al-  
low me to add - that  
I protested against  
being made Chan-  
man of this Com-  
to inform you of the  
action of the Board -  
on the ground that  
you were a special  
friend of mine & I  
did not want to be  
the vehicle of commu-  
nicating to you any-  
thing which might be  
misinterpreted by you  
The reply was - that  
that was the very  
reason the Board  
wanted me. What  
in the matter as  
you are not certain-  
ly suspect me of

a  
anything but affection  
& kindness - I feel  
rejoice in all your  
good work in this  
good cause for these  
many years past  
& congratulate you  
up the record wh  
you have made  
I am sure the  
whole church holds  
you & your work  
in very high esteem  
May God bless you  
my dear Brother  
& give you health and  
happiness to the end  
of your life here - then  
give you the abundant  
reward of a faithful  
servant in the life to  
come - sincerely & affectionately  
Yours - Wilson Phraner  
Wilson Phraner



rec<sup>d</sup> - July 24. 07

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1136 Blaine Ave. July 15th, 1907.

My Dear Dr. Jackson:

Yours of July 5th duly rec<sup>d</sup>, Glad to hear that you are recovering your health. From what you say about the cause of the failure to sell the Grant house to the Methodists, it would seem that the agent for the College is not free from blame. I hope Dr. Bailey will take the matter in hand, and find out the facts about it.

We are making progress with the College buildings. The Administration <sup>building</sup> is almost completed, It will require only 2 or 3 weeks more to finish it. Both externally & internally it is an attractive building, and commands much attention from those going back and forth on the street-car line. Now we must look out for the furnishing

of it. But it cannot be used<sup>2</sup> until we get the Woman's Building  
and also a Dormitory for young men, with their boarding accom-  
modations. For the Woman's Building we get back about \$2800,  
which President Stevenson expects to secure before Sept. 1st, when  
we expect to begin construction. Sometime during the fall, we expect  
to sell the Collegiate Institute property, and put the proceeds into a  
Young Men's building. In a year from now, therefore, we expect to trans-  
fer the College and Academy work to the new buildings on the College  
ground. I was greatly disappointed when I found that we <sup>could</sup> not secure  
the buildings to make the transfer this coming September. It is exceedingly  
difficult to secure students with our present meager facilities. Last  
year, I managed to gather up 12 college students, but I cannot do <sup>it</sup> for  
the coming year. The State University, located on the Eastern edge of the  
city, with its new buildings and complete equipment, takes from us every  
year a group of students, which we might have, if we had the necessary  
equipment. For ten years now, in the face of this difficulty, I have



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tried to secure college students & keep the work going, continually hoping and waiting for the new buildings. It has been a long, hard uphill business. I wonder that we get any students at all, then the work of teaching is much more laborious than it would be in a full college, with the work thoroughly divided. Some years I have taught as many as eight different college subjects in the course of the year, in order to avoid expense when there are few students. Well, that is killing work, mentally and in every other way. And if I were not tough as iron I would be under the sod. I felt the burden a good deal the past year. Sometimes I have thought it was a mistake to begin college work before we had the buildings for it. On the other hand, without the college work, probably we should not have secured the money for the buildings. I have worked very hard for ten years, altho' the result in the number of college students has been small. But I have tried to hold things together, and make some advancement. It has been largely a case of "making brick without straw", for I have had no equipment

or apparatus of any kind to assist in securing students.

It certainly looks now <sup>that</sup> ~~as if~~ in a year from this date there will be three handsome buildings here on the College ground, besides the beautiful College Chapel near by. Now if you and your friends working there, and we working here secure four College buildings costing in the aggregate \$120,000 - in eleven years from the time College work began, it is quite an encouraging showing, when we add to that the beautiful college ground.

The next great and important work is to secure an Endowment, for every new building means increased expense. Our work will have no stability until we secure an endowment. And wealthy men are generally much more ready to contribute to buildings than to endowment. We have millionaires here, but they are not religious men. However, we shall do our best to get hold of them. The one thing that ought to arrest the attention of Christian millionaires is this: That Brigham Young University at Provo, the Latter day Saints College in Salt Lake, and Brigham Young College at Logan, have three or four handsome buildings each, and an average about 800 students



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in each institution, & are receiving systematic instruction in the  
doctrines of Mormonism. Kind of the kind of citizens they will make on  
this basis. Now, here are three ~~three~~ <sup>three</sup> Mormon institutions with three  
2400 students, three fine buildings & equipment. Then when I look  
& see the meager equipment on the Christian <sup>side</sup>, I feel troubled & wish  
that I were a millionaire able to give Christian Education a  
lift. I do hope with proper nursing & care you are going  
to regain your health and have some years of usefulness, and  
that you will live to see the College which you founded 12 years  
ago, with 200 students in it. With best regards to Mrs. Jackson, I am

Tristly your friend,  
R. G. Mc Niece.

Robert G. Mc Niece

July 23, 07.

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July 15th 1907.

My Dear Dr Jackson

I was glad indeed to receive your letter and though you said nothing of your state of health I take for granted that you are better and I surely hope so. We lack \$2800. of having enough to claim the \$15000. of Mrs Perry. In other words we have \$7200. of the required \$10000. Of course this includes the \$1000. promised by Mrs Jackson. Mr J. M. Gurrey promised to make a contribution in this month and I am looking for it every day, but of course do not know when it will arrive nor what the amount will be.

I preached twice yesterday at the First church and conducted a funeral. I am to supply them in the absence of Dr Paden, during the month of July and possibly one Sab in August.

I have seen some of the men of large means here about making contributions to the College and the out-look is encouraging. Some are away whom I will see on their return. I am anxious to know how much was realized on the Temple Home property in your city and expect Dr Bailey will let me know soon. Mrs Stevenson and I had to place such emphasis on money for the building fund that we had to almost neglect the current expense fund and the result is that that fund is almost at the zero point. I received a hundred dollars for it on Saturday last from Pittsburg and have collected a hundred here for it, since coming home, but an effort must be made to replenish that fund in a modest way.

We are having very charming weather. With kindest regards to all of your house-hold and with best wishes for your rapid recovery, I am very sincerely yours,

*Robert M Stevenson*



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Haines RG.

Klukwan, Alaska  
July 26<sup>th</sup> 1907

Dear Dr. Jackson:— There is a matter of great importance to us of which I wish to write you at this time, feeling that, as you have been in such close touch with Alaska, especially in the way of bettering the condition of the natives, for so many years, our plans in their behalf will appeal to you, and that you might wish to help us in a practical way.

You have been in Klukwan, and may remember that the Chilkat River is the only source of water supply for the village. You may remember that the water is thick with glacial mud and sand during the summer months, and being further contaminated by the drainage from the village, and by thousands of rotting dog salmon in the shallow sloughs and tributary streams, is hardly fit for use. Even in winter, when the water is clear, it is more or less contaminated by the dead fish. We need better water and we need it badly. Half a mile from the center of the village a fine stream of water flows from the mountain. 4500 ft. of 3 in. pipe would carry enough of that water through the



village to the upper end, to supply the whole population, about 250 people. It will take about \$900.00 to buy the necessary material to establish the plant, landing it at the mouth of the river. The natives will bring it up the river and put it in themselves.

Last winter I wrote Dr. Thompson for permission to take steps toward raising the money, which he granted, with best wishes. Our original plan was to borrow the money, and, when the plant was installed, charge the natives a small water rent till the amount was repaid, when the plant would belong to the people, and the water would be free.

This plan, however, did not appeal to Dr. Stearns, of Germantown, Pa., the first man to whom I wrote, who preferred to give us the money outright. He has already raised among his people and Bible Classes \$640 <sup>65</sup>/<sub>100</sub>, which with \$10.00 from another source, makes a total of \$650 <sup>65</sup>/<sub>100</sub>. We hope to keep the cost of the plant under \$900.00. We would appreciate a donation from you if our plans appeal to you.

The engineer of "The Porcupine Gold Mining Co.", 14 miles beyond Glukwan, is taking an interest in us and has already given much valuable assistance in making



out plans etc. Part of the material is already bought and is now at Jones Point awaiting transportation up the river. When the fishing season is over the people will take hold and we hope to have the plant in use before winter.

Dr. Stearns, a Reformed Episcopal minister, conducts a union Bible Class in the Mount Vernon <sup>place</sup> M. E. Church, Ninth and F Streets, Washington D. C., during the winter months. A wonderful man.

It might be well to inform the teacher for Klukwan that it will be impossible for us to board her, but that she can have a furnished room upstairs, at a reasonable rent, if she would prefer that to fitting up one of the four rooms in the new school house.

With best wishes from myself and Mrs. Falconer,  
I am,

Yours Sincerely,

Fred R. Falconer.

Copied from the "Daily Alaskan", Skagway.

## Water System for Klukwan

Rev. G. F. McLean of Haines, and J. K. Falconer of Klukwan, arrived in Skagway this morning on the former's gasoline launch. Mr. Falconer informs us that the pipe for a complete water system for Klukwan is on the way up the Chilkat River and will be installed at once. The main will be of three-inch wooden pipe 4500 ft long taking the water from a beautiful mountain stream coming down south of town. Fire hydrants will be installed and many of the natives have signified their intentions of having the water put on their homes. Hydrants will be placed at different points in the town for domestic use. Steps are being taken to improve the sanitary conditions.

### Editorial

#### Klukwan Water Works

Our columns of yesterday contained an account of the installation of a water system in the Indian village of Klukwan. Among white people such an acquisition would be hailed with delight, even when sanitary conditions previously had been of the best. To those who are acquainted with native conditions and customs of Alaska, and particularly with their

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unsanitary life, it must appear that not only is the introduction of a water system a luxury, but an absolute necessity to the maintenance of health and even life.

Missionary Societies both at home and abroad contend that true missionary work must be accompanied by the improvement of physical conditions as well. The condition of the Alaska Indian is a critical one, and since he has left life in the open and has taken on some of the customs of the white man, a movement such as that in Klukwan is not only to be highly commended, but to be regarded as a decided step forward in the interest of humanity and the complete civilization of the natives.

Chautauque New York,  
July 30 1907.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson.

My dear Friend

Yours is received,  
and I hastened to write to Mrs. Young  
in mother's name - as she is a mem-  
ber of the Alaskan Bureau and the  
letter is thus official. I enclose a copy  
of the letter.

He tried to impress upon Mrs. Young  
the necessity for patience and for de-  
ferring the signing of any contract -  
without our mentioning any one's  
name in connection with the matter.



I hope the way in which we presented  
it to her will have the desired effect.  
In the Fall when the Society meets  
in Boston mother will be able to  
talk with Mrs. Young and other officers  
of the Society. We will call and see  
you before we go there.

We hope that you are having a  
pleasant summer, and that you  
are rapidly regaining your strength.  
The work in Alaska still needs your  
guiding hand and wise judgment.

With kindest remembrance to  
Mrs. Jackson from mother and  
myself I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Keller

P. S. I notice that Commissioner Brown is to lecture here August 1st. His subject is "Recent Studies in American Education." We are enjoying the Chautauqua lectures very much; but it is so cold as to be almost uncomfortable. Last Saturday we had a fire in the parlor, and we wear wraps nearly all the time.

E. M.



(Copy)

My dear Mrs. Young

Since writing you we have learned that there is much dissatisfaction among other denominations regarding the new rules and regulations pertaining to the loan of reindeer in Alaska, and we are advised to hold back and stand stoutly for a modification of these regulations. It is not an advisable thing for a Missionary Society to accept the reindeer under these new rulings for we shall be placed at a decided disadvantage. It is thought that when the officials return to Washington in the Fall, something may be done to obtain a modification if we stand with the other churches for a change. I send you this additional word so that you will know

that the matter is being agitated  
and that you will thus be prepared  
to act in unison with other denom-  
inations in the matter. You will  
thus also see the importance of  
signing no contracts until a more  
just ruling has been obtained.

I will keep watch and let you  
know how things are going.

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Teller Alaska Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> 1907

Dr. Sheldon Jackson  
Washington D.C.

Dear Doctor! Your welcome letter of July 12<sup>th</sup> received yesterday. I am glad to see that you are so far recovered as to be able to write. I congratulate you on your recovery. Mr. Updegraff has been here and left for the north. The "Thetis" lay in harbor here two weeks; but the Captain was not very obliging in letting his passengers come on shore. Still I had several conversations with Mr. Updegraff, and was pleased with the man. We had a three hours conversation with him in regard to affairs here, only Mrs. Ennis, Mr. Updegraff and myself being present. We discussed the home, its aim and necessity, the needs of the natives and how to assist them etc., also the help we had expected in supporting the home from the surplus anticipated from the reindeer; and if the new regulations were enforced or agreed to by our society we would have to discontinue the home. At the close he stated that his views had

been materially changed in many respects, that the  
 orphanage was a necessity and we were doing good  
 work; The orphanage must not be discontinued, and  
 some method agreed upon by which the Government  
 could render assistance. In regard to the  
 new regulations I told him that I would not  
 like to say anything until I had thought the  
 matter over, I would rather <sup>of advice to</sup> give the ~~me~~ remainder  
 up as far as this station is concerned than place  
 us in opposition to the Government; but the new  
 regulations as intended for new stations would  
 be impossible for us. He said he would think  
 it over and during the winter see the Board in  
 person and try and reach a satisfactory  
 understanding; But that it was not the  
 intention to bind the missions already having  
 deer to the new regulations. I pointed out a  
 few things in the regulations that I thought unwise,  
 but thought it best not to say much before he  
 had seen the stations ~~thoroughly~~ and probably person-  
 ally seen that some of the assertions of his



of his advisers were not always to be depended on. He also inquired about the wisdom of <sup>engaging</sup> ~~taking~~ the Laplanders, and I gave as my opinion that that was the wisest move made for the good of the reindeer industry in Alaska. as regards the families brought over in 1894. About the importation in 1897 I did not know much, only from hearsay. I have not had a copy of the new regulations, and only seen the copy he had. so have not studied it yet. He gave the impression of being an open, fairminded man, and one that was going to see and judge for himself. Mr. H. A. Evans has been appointed District superintendent for this district.

I thank you for the kind advice and it will help me to act more cautiously and also to advise the board more intelligently. The children are all well. An epidemic of influenza is rampant among all people, white and native, we have had it but only in a light degree. With the kindest greetings from Mrs. Ennis and myself remain. Sincerely Yours. T. L. Brice

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WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,  
Of The Methodist Episcopal Church.

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BUREAU ~~OF~~ ALASKA  
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Long Beach, Cal.

August 10, 1907.

Hon. James Rudolph Garfield,  
Secretary of the Interior,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

At our interview in Los Angeles, Mr. Brown, your courteous secretary, suggested that I indicate to you the changes that seem to me necessary in the proposed contract for reindeer between the Government and missions in Alaska, before that I, as representative of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, could sign it. I find it exceedingly difficult to do this, as the whole plan seems to me intricate and impracticable.

Mr. Brown agreed with me that this contract does not propose a loan of reindeer to a mission, but expects the missionary society to take a herd in trust; to designate a local superintendent who shall be responsible for the oversight of the reindeer, the herders, and apprentices, and all public property connected therewith. He shall keep a daily record of all matters of importance pertaining to the reindeer, shall oversee the annual marking of all the reindeer in the herd and keep careful record of the same, shall distribute



Hon. James Rudolph Garfield. 2.

reindeer annually to the apprentices according to the "Rules and Regulations", and keep the records of the same, and shall see that each apprentice attends school two months in each year. He shall furnish transportation to the Superintendent of Schools, or other Government officer, when called on, free of charge, provided the distance be not more than 100 miles. He shall make full and careful reports, and give such other information as the Board of Education may desire, shall make several copies of each report, and contract, for different officials, and perform many other duties; yet for all this work, and responsibility, it is expressly stipulated that he shall receive no compensation (Sec. 15), except that, provided a sufficient number of reindeer can be spared from the herd after all other obligations are met, he may have a few male reindeer, the number not to exceed twelve.

The contract makes no provision for the support of apprentices until such time as they may be able to get some revenue from the reindeer, while those who have had experience say it is impossible to find apprentices who can support themselves. According to Mr. W. T. Lopp (see enclosed extract from letter) it may be years before the revenue from the reindeer will support the apprentices. It is unnecessary, I think, for me to enlarge on this. You have doubtless received protests from other societies in regard to this form of contract. It will surely have to be revised; and, judging from the length of time this was in preparation I fear that if compelled to



wait for its revision Sinuk Mission will have to wait yet another year for its promised herd of reindeer.

In view of the fact that the application for the loan of a herd of reindeer for the natives at Sinuk Mission has been before the Department of the Interior for almost a year, and is the only application for the loan of reindeer ever made by any Methodist organization; that Congress has recommended that the reindeer still in possession of the Government be "freely loaned to missions"; that President Roosevelt urged Secretary Hitchcock to grant our application (see files the latter end of last December for Secretary Hitchcock's letter to me, in which this is mentioned; that being unable to get a copy of the proposed contract until after the middle of July, but deeming that its terms would be reasonable, and expecting to get the loan of a herd in July or August (see enclosed copy of letter from the Secretary of the Interior, and extract from one from Mr. Lopp); and being informed by the Board of Education in May that material for a school house would be sent to Sinuk on one of Capt. White's steamers (steamer sailed from Seattle about June 18), and fully expecting that the mission would have to support the apprentices, at least the first year, and knowing that it was unlikely that any other steamer would call at Sinuk this year, I sent a year's supplies for native herders and apprentices, including tents with furnishings, clothing (of course furs would be purchased up there), and food, the order costing \$314.22 exclusive of freight charges.



Again, our workers at Sinuk, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Sellon informed me that if they had a herd of reindeer a much larger number of natives would locate at Sinuk, and realizing that the care of reindeer, apprentices, herders, and all that would appertain thereto, would demand much of the time of the ~~agent~~ superintendent I asked the Board of Education to send another teacher for the Government school, as the mission would need all the services of Mr. and Mrs. Sellon. The Board sent the teacher---Miss Powell---and we engaged Mr. and Mrs. Sellon for the coming year at a salary of \$1,000, and perquisites.

Seeing that a large part of the work of our mission at Sinuk is to teach the natives how to be self-supporting, and to be good citizens; and that Mr. and Mrs. Sellon are already accomplishing much in this direction (In support of this statement I would refer you to Messrs. Updegraff and <sup>Up</sup>~~Lock~~ who visited the mission in June), and for the reasons mentioned above, I would most earnestly petition you that an order be given for the immediate removal of a herd of reindeer to Sinuk, on the same general terms that other missions have agreed to when receiving loans of reindeer from the Government, with the added provision, if thought best, that at the close of the period for which the loan is made, the mission continue to care for apprentices, and when they are capable of taking care of reindeer give each a few reindeer from the mission herd, as a nucleus for herds of their own.

Hon. James Rudolph Garfield. 5.

Very respectfully yours,

(signed) Mrs. R. H. Young,  
Secretary of Bureau <sup>for</sup> of Alaska.  
<sub>for</sub>

The above letter has our cordial approval.

Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, Pres. W. H. Miss. Soc., of the  
E.  
M. R. Church.

Delia L. Williams, Cor. Sec.



R. W. D. Bryan,  
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Albuquerque, N. M.

Albuquerque, N. Mex.,

August, 13th. 1907.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, DD.

Bureau of Education,

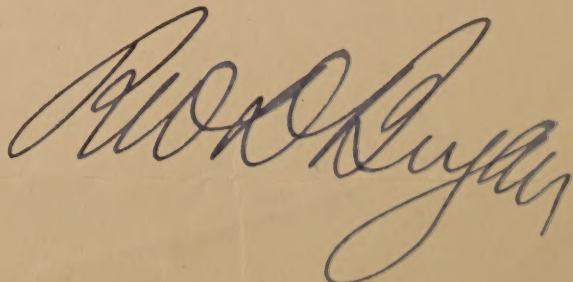
Washington, D. C.

My dear Doctor:

Yours of August 5th. is at hand and I am very much obliged for the photograph which you enclosed. As perhaps you know when I was Superendent of the School we occupied that building and at one time had as many as 180 pupils. We built, however, quite a number of frame buildings to accomodate them. You are mistaken in thinking that Miss Shields was the sister of the Rev. James Shields. She was no relative of his, although the name was the same. The reason I speak so positively is because Miss Shields visited us at one time when she was on her way to Tucson to work in the Indian School at that point. I hope that you received the photograph of Dr. Menaul, if you did not, I will try to get you one for you. If I can be of any servixe to you in any other way, let me know.

I hope you will be able to visit the Churches of New Mexico, and I assure you will be warmly welcomed.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. W. D. Bryan", written in a cursive style.



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August 22nd 1907.

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

My Dear Doctor.

Yours of the 17th inst. came by last mail. I rejoice with you in your recovery and am grateful for your manner of manifesting your gratitude. I will explain how my plan opens the gate to over \$70000. With your promise of \$400. we have \$7600. of the \$10000. necessary to claim the \$15000. of Mrs Ferry. The \$8350. of my plan would make it possible to get the Ferry money and be ample to finish the Woman's building and have quite a sum for current expenses. The woman's building complete it would be possible to remove the student body from the Collegiate Institute and then that property could be sold, from which we are to have \$31000. for a boy's dormitory and \$9000. for a heating plant.  $\$15000. + \$7600. + \$8350. + \$40000. = \$70950.$  By the demand of the man who started my \$500. class that class was to be filled here in Salt Lake City and it is not probable from present indications that I can get ten persons in this city who will each give \$500. But there is nothing to hinder my working the same plan out side of the city. I think the other classes can be filled by patient and persistent work. I enclose a leaflet upon which I have placed the number of signers in each class up to the present time. If you could use any of these leaflets among your friends I would be glad to furnish them. With kind regards to you and yours, I am very sincerely yours,

*Robert M Stevenson*



Copy.

L.E.C.

Llandudno, Wales.

Aug. 26, ~~1897~~

1907

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

My dear Friend:

One is so glad for a respite from travelling and sight-seeing, which will give one an opportunity to write letters; and of all those awaiting an acknowledgement, yours comes first. I took steps before we left New York toward a fund for the erection of a testimonial for you in connection with Westminster College, and now the Woman's Board has decided to erect a young men's dormitory in connection with, and upon the grounds of Westminster College to be named "Sheldon Jackson Hall," but it seems to me something more must be done to show not only the church's but the nations gratitude and appreciation of your heroic and unselfish devotion to church and state.

The work you have done for the United States ought to be acknowledged in some way, and beyond "Sheldon Jackson Hall", some tribute, some monument, should show that the country appreciates your service. As soon as I return home, I shall see what can be done in the matter.

I hope you may live many years and see with your own eyes this testimonial, but if not it will surely come in time.



One thing so apparent in Gt. Britain is the acknowledgement of service rendered, by some testimonial somewhere, in Westminster Abbey, St. Paul, or in the streets or squares of London.

It has saddened me when I have thought of the valiant service ~~of~~ our countrymen have given, that has never received recognition.

In St. Paul the other day, I saw the life-size recumbent bronze effigy of "Chinese Gordon", with his hand upon the Bible, and on his breast two or three buttonhole bouquets - he was not forgotten.

Neither will you be forgotten my dear friend, many will unite to testify to your unselfish zeal for your country when the time comes - which will surely come. I should like to see in Washington a marble life-size statue of Dr. Jackson, and a reindeer or something which will tell the story.

Home Missions is more intensely important, in my esteem, since I have seen so much of the world's poverty and darkness.

Kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson, and devoted esteem for my old friend, (In which Mr. James joins) from,

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd). Mary E. James.

c/o Brown Shipley & Co.,

123 Pall Mall,

London.